Amendments to the Specification

Please make the following amendments to the specification.

[0018] The ratchet wrench 10 also comprises a one-way drive transmitting wheel 40 and a ratchet mechanism 45 coupled between the one-way drive transmitting wheel 40 and the handle 15. As used herein, the term "one-way drive transmitting wheel" refers to a wheel that provides ratcheting action when used with the appropriate ratchet mechanism and can be toothed (e.g., a ratchet wheel) or non-toothed (e.g., a disc with a friction surface around its circumference or a clutch mechanism). The ratchet mechanism 45 controls rotation of the drive-stud element 25 with respect to the handle 15. The one-way drive transmitting wheel 40 is coupled to the drive-stud element 25, and they are rotatably mounted in the head 20 to rotate in unison about an axis A. In this embodiment, the one-way drive transmitting wheel 40 takes the form of a toothed ratchet wheel, and the ratchet mechanism 45 takes the form of a pawl that engages the teeth of the toothed ratchet wheel. Although shown as being positioned at the top of the drive-stud element 25, the one-way drive transmitting wheel 40 can be positioned at any intermediate point along the length of the drive-stud element 25. Additionally, a quick-release mechanism can be used to allow the drive-stud element 25 to be easily removed from the head 20 of the wrench 10. A cover plate ~~52~~ 54 coupled with the head 20 and handle 15 hold the components mentioned above in the head 20.